

*St John Church of Christ*

# Bulletin

June 9, 2024

## For The Church



Why does God allow his followers to face suffering? In the first chapter in James, we find a passage that confuses some people. James 1:2-4 says, “Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness (perseverance). And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” How can anyone count it as joy to suffer? The key to finding joy in our suffering is understanding the intent and outcome of that suffering.

The word testing in this passage is a term that the silversmiths would use back then where they would test silver, and the way they would test silver is they would put a bunch in the pot and they would heat it up with fire and when it got to a certain temperature then all of the impurities would rise to the surface and the silversmith would scoop that top layer off and he would continue this process until all the impurities were gone. The way he knew that it was pure was that he would look down and he would see his own reflection in the silver.

This is exactly what God is doing to us. God is like the silversmith. The more we are tested the more impurities God is able to take off of the top. He removes those impurities until he can see his own reflection in us. Once that happens, we are now showing the world who God truly is because they see Him in us.

None of us enjoy the process of suffering. We should all expect it, but not go looking for it. We should all count it as joy because the suffering is making us pure and complete.

Jesus, did during his time on this earth. Allow yourself time to retreat into the presence of God.

## In Our Prayers

Emersyn Milton  
Thomas Pruitt  
Elmer Schuette  
Carol Gingrich  
Madison Cole  
Susan Mayer (Chet’s sister)

Audie Thornburg  
Shari Soukup  
Zeb Carter  
Juanita (Abby’s Mother)  
Rick Toland  
Tim Taylor

Girard and Marilyn Holinde  
Courtney Emery  
Brenda Staub  
Dwight Huston  
Becky Carter

# Upcoming Events

## Young Family Ministry [Tonight]

We will be having our monthly young family ministry tonight at the Stafford Church of Christ at 5:00 PM. Dinner and childcare will be provided.

## Thank You

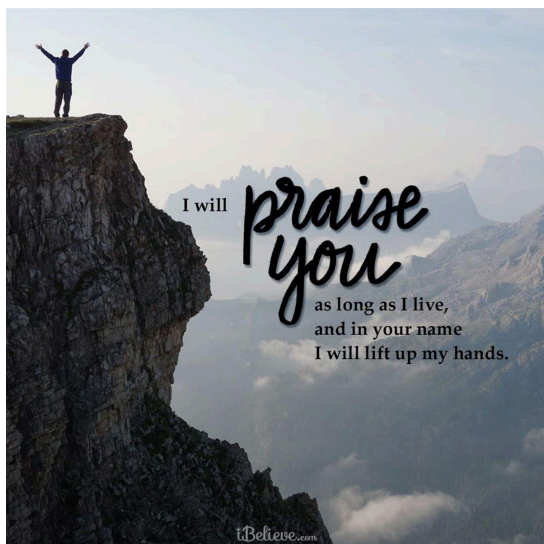
Thank you to everyone who played a part in VBS last weekend. We had 53 kids here for VBS! What a great day it was! Thank you for your service and dedication!

## Save the Date:

July 7-13 - SMC First Session  
July 14 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)  
July 14-20 - SMC Second Session  
July 21-27 - SMC Third Session

## Birthdays this week:

Marisa Mansel - June 10  
David Rice - June 11



# Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Darrel & Shannon Bauer

Song Leader: Gary Hornbaker

Sound System: Jayce Feril

Gathering: #63 - I Will Call Upon the Lord

Welcome: Orrin Feril

Scripture Reading: Orrin Feril (Psalm 63:1-8)

Shepherd's Prayer: Carl Feril

Song: #324 - Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?

Song: #464 - Because He Lives

Communion: Chris Stott

Song: #827 - Sweet Hour of Prayer

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #934 - Softly and Tenderly (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Darrell Bauer

**Sundays:** Bible classes for all ages @ 10:00 am  
Worship service for everyone @ 11:00 am  
**Elders:** Tom Turner, Richard Brensing, Terry Sallee, Carl Feril  
**Deacons:** Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril, Zachary Marks  
**Minister:** Zeborah Carter